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For President---1912 WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT, Of Ohio.

WILL PRESERVE PARTY IDENTITY.

Watchful Democrats have been jubilant over the apparent friction in the Republican party during the primaries. Especially did the Roosevelt victories in certain states bring joy to the Bourbons. The possibility of the nomination of the Third Termer and the consequent loss of identity on the part of the Republican party is their fondest hope for the long delayed "Democratic year." The Democrats have been vigilant and they realize that the Third Termer is a Republican in name only and an advocate of policies that are far removed from the principles which have carried the Grand Old Party to victory in all but two presidential elections since its organization. Only loss of identity and the abandonment of principles which have made Republican victories the forerunners of peace and prosperity could lose for the party at this time. The watchful Democrats are counting upon just this sort of folly. The silly season of the year brings them all sorts of rumors to foster their hopes. Hysterically heralded claims from the Third Termer's camp give him a sufficient number of delegates to be nominated—if the Taft delegates do not attend the convention. Then there is the silly rumor of the "dark horse" accompanied by a whole stable of possible sable equines.

Naturally the Bourbon hope that springs eternal is gamboling like a young lambkin on the summer lea. But the figures, which do not lie, would indicate that the Democrats are getting their materials for day dreams from an exceedingly unreliable source. They will be turned into nightmares by the time the Chicago convention assembles and gets down to its real work. The count shows that President Taft has enough delegates to renominate him on the first ballot and a few to spare.

It is true that the president will not be nominated by a sweeping majority. Backed by powerful interests, the Third Termer has made a campaign which for bitterness and utter disregard for decency challenges comparison with the most disgraceful ward fight ever conducted. The Third Termer's friends have claimed that it was a one-sided fight. That is true. All of the brawling has been done by the Roosevelt adherents, says the San Francisco Post.

The fight had to be a blustering and bullying one, for the candidate and his policies are radically opposed to Republican principles. It was so noisy and so hysterical that the Democrats have permitted themselves to be deluded into the belief that the clamor was raised by Republicans. The fact is that it was raised by the minority. Unfortunately it is a numerous minority.

The Third Termer knows that his delegates are in the minority and that his only possible chance is to stampede some of the weaker delegations that are now for Taft. But in spite of the apathetic showing at the primaries, save in states like New York and Indiana, the saving common sense of the Republican party will be strongly in evidence at the Chicago convention. It will be too strong for the Roosevelt forces to cry down. When the Republican delegates get down to the real business of the session they will rally to the real principles of Republicanism and the man who has stood for them and continues to stand for them, scornful to compromise his party for delegates and advocating his principles fearlessly through the bitter campaign. That man is William Howard Taft, a Republican, who believes in his party and in whom the members of the party, who know its principles best, most sincerely believe.

The Democrats have rejoiced too soon. The Republican party will not lose its identity when the choice of the Chicago convention is made. It will not nominate a man who claims to represent "Progressive Republicanism" while, in reality, he represents a weird combination of Middle West Populism and Wall Street policies. The Chicago convention will nominate a real Republican, William Howard Taft, and preserve the identity of the party. They will realize that they must do this to assure a Republican year.

"THAT IS GRATITUDE."

Only a few years ago resentment ran high in California against Roosevelt. There was a reason for it, for he interfered in a purely local matter and threatened that if we did not permit Japanese aliens to sit alongside of our boys and girls in the public schools he would use all the powers of the army and navy to force us. And he made us back down, although the blood of thousands who voted for him Tuesday boiled with resentment of what they considered an insulting and unwarranted interference of our personal affairs. And furthermore, he advocated that the Japanese be permitted to become citizens. A few months ago Taft exerted his power and influence to give to California the Panama-Pacific exposition which the whole state clamored for and which New Orleans would have received had it not been for him. Then consider the vote on Tuesday and all join in the chorus of that popular son, "That is Gratitude."—Chicago Record.

THE NATION.

Baseball has become the national game. It is the people's sport, and the audiences are composed of all classes. The orderly element predominates, as it should. The players have a right to be protected and none should be required to endure taunts which in other circumstances would be instantly resented.—Washington Post.

To provide well ventilated and lighted, properly equipped, warm and neat appearing homes for people of small means will do more for the uplift of humanity in any community than any other work that could be undertaken. True happiness must have its source in the home. If comfort and cleanliness are there, the outlook upon the world brightens.—Albany Journal.

Philadelphia is about to treat itself to an uplift. Harkening to the appeal for a standard of police beauty, the Quaker City Civil Service commission decides that a policeman must not have flat feet. It prescribes the dimensions of his waist line. He must have twenty natural teeth. He must have two of them molars. If his nose is red he must be able to explain it satisfactorily.—Buffalo Times.

Most cities are not sufficiently considerate of their trees. The property owner who sets out trees along the sidewalk does not only a good work for himself, but confers a favor on the public generally, since he helps to beautify the city and to enhance the pleasure and the comfort of the passerby.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

In pushing Orozco back from Torreón to Chihuahua General Huerta proved himself the superior commander in strategy and method, but his victory at Rollano was mainly due to the superior range of service of his artillery. Orozco's force was about equal in number to Huerta's and well entrenched in a naturally strong position, but the federal commander drove him out with comparatively little loss. He had longer range guns and better guns than Orozco, and he stood off and hammered the latter's trenches till they were untenable. He stationed his batteries out of effective range of the insurgent guns, and poured in a stream of fire until Orozco could no longer hold his position. His men were being slaughtered without being able to do any damage to their opponents. Huerta did not at any time risk an assault, but drove his insurgents from their works by a terrific cannonade lasting twenty-four hours. He wasted an enormous amount of ammunition, but lost few men. The result of his tactics is high testimony to the efficiency of artillery in modern warfare. Rapid-fire, high-power field guns are today a more potent arm than artillery ever was.

Crowded into very small space by the other news of war and rumors of wars, in addition to the more unusual news events of the day, is the announcement that certain Manchurian cities have been occupied by rebel troops supposed to be supporting the deposed Manchu dynasty of China. Just as we had drawn a breath of relief at finding that "our" march-heralded war with Cuba was only a horrid nightmare, too! This country is almost the only one at the present time where the harassed dove of peace is without danger of being killed or scared into nervous prostration. Even here there is a warlike suggestion in our national conventions and peace conferences.

In New York the state inheritance tax will produce this year more than \$20,000,000 in revenue, mainly because of the deaths of four men—Joseph Pulitzer, John Jacob Astor, Benjamin Guggenheim and Isador Strauss, the last three victims of the Titanic disaster. It is said that never before, since this tax was levied, have so many great fortunes been subject to it in one year.—Eastern Argus.

The Senate is to lose another member of the old guard. Senator Crane, of Massachusetts, announces that he will not be a candidate for reelection. The members of the Boston Home Market club will probably put on crepe as a token of their grief at the turn affairs are taking. W. Winthrop Crane fitted loosely and ill in the large place filled so long and nobly by George Frisbie Hoar.

A government report declares that goatskins are imported by the United States in great numbers. It would seem that the lost goats which are to be found at large all the year 'round should provide a sufficient number of skins for general use. But probably there is some prejudice against skinning a lost goat. It is too much like rubbing it in.

Slang is an expression of intensity and originality. As long as girls—and boys as well—are what they are, so long will slang appeal to them as the most fitting form of speech. All that can be asked is that the slang be as mild as possible and that it shall not approach vulgarity.—Chicago Record-Herald.

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